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DISARMAMENT

Make this our defence policy

By STUART MORRIS

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assumptions of Foreign Policy, it breathes a spirit of realism absent in previous years. It recognises that:

● Britain's influence depends first and foremost upon the health of her internal economy and export trade.

● That therefore the nation of conscripts must once again become a nation of shopkeepers.

● That over the past five years "defence" has absorbed ten per cent of Britain's gross national product; seven per cent of the services of the working population; one-eighth of the output of the metal-using industries upon which the export trade depends; and involved an undue proportion of scientists and engineers in military work.

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Mr. Sandys rightly argues for a new approach and admits that the demands of defence costs on our economic resources are far beyond our capacity. The keystone of our policy from now on is to be what Mr. Sandys calls "the defence of the deterrent."

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The absence of any change of policy shows that the Government has not had the courage or the wisdom to follow its own realistic reappraisal to the logical conclusion.

● On the threat of Communism, the White Paper, while stating that, although it remains, its nature has changed and that it is necessary to make a fresh appraisal of the problem, shows little sign of any new approach.

● On the war on want there has been no word, no suggestion at all of using the £200,000,000 saved on arms expenditure for the assistance of the have-not countries and the removal of the conditions of hunger, poverty and illiteracy which Communism all too easily exploits.

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They have sent the following letter to the Press:

Harold and Sheila Steele, Reginald Reynolds, and other volunteers from this country have expressed their intention, if possible, of going to the Pacific in order to challenge the right of the British Government to carry out the proposed tests with nuclear weapons.

At this late stage an Emergency Committee has been established in order to raise funds for this purpose, to co-operate with Japanese and, we hope, American organisations sharing the same purposes, and to provide the basis for further direct action in future so long as it may be necessary.

The Emergency Committee wishes to hand over its responsibility to a larger and more representative body as soon as this can be done.

In the meantime funds are urgently needed and donations can be sent to J. Allen Skinner, Hon. Secretary, 79 Lordship Park, London, N.16.

Harold Steele has sent a letter to Queen Salote of Tonga asking her if she can join in the protest against the tests. The Japanese Embassy have told him it will be a month before they can issue a visa.

LATE NEWS

"Note of Protest" against British H-test handed to Foreign Secretary at 5 p.m. on April 5 by the Indonesian Ambassador in person. Main points of note, ignored by British Press, will appear in Peace News next week.

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That Selective Service is the ultimate object of the Government's manpower policy is confirmed by the delicate way the White Paper touches on the vital, but overwhelmingly difficult, task of finding the technically skilled manpower necessary to maintain modern equipment.

The fact that the White Paper mentions the problem, but suggests no solution confirms me in my conviction that what Mr. Duncan Sandys calls "some limited form of compulsory service to bridge the gap" is with us for many years to come.

'Deterrent'

Indeed, I believe that within the next two or three weeks the Government will, as I forecast, announce the withdrawal of the Army three years engagement and will substitute six years as the minimum period for which a Regular soldier can engage.

In my view the withdrawal of the three year engagement is the first step towards building up a Regular Army of sufficient size even to dream of ever getting completely rid of National Service. In fact I would go so far as to say that the reason we have National Service now is due to the introduction and retention of the three-year engagement long after the date on which it was conclusively proved to have been a failure.

It is said that Mr. Sandys planned and wrote the Defence White Paper himself, and if this be so it does him great credit. First, he sets out to make an accurate appreciation of the muddle which our defence policies have reached.

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This statement is completely misleading. At the present moment we have thirty Beverly freighters with a normal loaded range of 1,000

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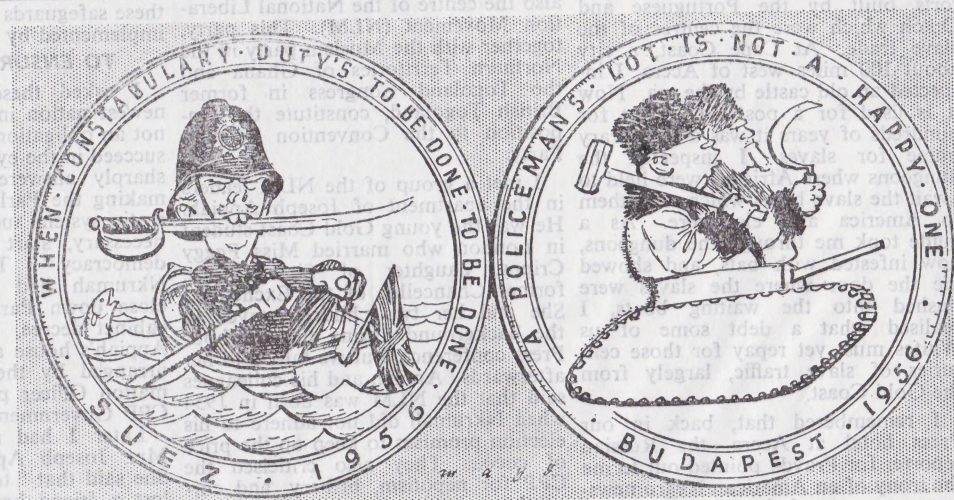
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Though the change in British defence policy has already given rise to serious misgivings in the USA and Germany, the British Prime Minister has himself given the assurance that there is no fear of the unemployment which opponents of disarmament have so often prophesied.

"I can assure you," said Mr. Macmillan, "that in the steel and metal industries and the various branches of engineering there is no need to fear unemployment as the result of

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A decision is expected shortly on . . . a campaign medal . . . for our intervention in Suez last November—Daily Telegraph.

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THE AGE OF GUTLESS MEN

"THIS is the age of gutless men" writes Mr. James Cameron in the News Chronicle. He adds "myself included"; a scarifying indictment, followed by a grovelling confession!

He is writing on the Government White Paper on "Defence," which falsifies all the arguments upon which both the Government Party and the Labour "Opposition" have hitherto based their contentions regarding Britain's military policy.

"We are officially dependent for survival," says Mr. Cameron, "only on a philosophical point; on a single weapon whose only usefulness is in the fact that it is too horrible ever to be used.

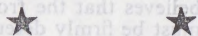
"Thus does homo sapiens move still faster in ever-decreasing circles, towards the inevitable acrobatic conclusion."

What would Mr. Cameron do about it? On that point he feels no necessity to speak. He is not a politician. The situation is one in which he apparently feels contempt for politicians but not for those who have no need to say in Westminster what should be done.

At Westminster "the Members celebrate division and fear—and compromise.

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THE new franchise proposals for Southern Rhodesia are that the voters' roll should consist of "ordinary" and "special" voters.

Qualifications for "ordinary" voters, who must not be under 21 years would consist of

(a) income: £60 a month or property valued at £1,500, plus an adequate knowledge of English;

(b) income: £40 a month or property, £1,000, plus standard six certificate of education;

(c) income: £25 a month or property, £500, plus Form IV certificate of education.

For the "special" voters the qualifications apart from age (21) are to be an income of £15 a month, and an adequate knowledge of English and a capacity to fill in the voter's enrolment form unaided.

The total number of "special" votes cast in any election, however, must never count more than half the number of "ordinary" votes however many "special" votes there may be.

The proposals have been unanimously rejected by Africans in the Federation.

"We employ strange devices these days to maintain the fiction that Rhodesia is a democracy," says the political commentator of the Rhodesian Opposition party newspaper, "The Citizens," in a recent issue.

"The latest of these is . . . an attempt to fool the unfortunate blacks—the logical follow-up, no doubt, to that other hoax called partnership.

"One African leader . . . has said there is fear that the franchise would always be manipulated in favour of the European.

"Of course it will. All that remains is for the fact to be stated, then everyone will know where he is."

It is reported that the Southern Rhodesian proposals have already been offered by its Prime Minister, Mr. R. S. Garfield Todd, to the Federal Government as a basis for a federal franchise, and that the Federal Prime Minister, Sir Roy Welensky, who is coming to London this month,

ministration to the Army.

The text of the agreement had been circulated to members of the Synod only three days before the meeting and had been signed in advance by both Dr. Adenauer and Bishop Dibelius. No amendments were, therefore possible, and the Synod had no choice but to accept or reject the agreement as a whole.

The agreement provides for army chaplains to have the status of civil servants and to be in certain respects under the control of the military authorities.

Bishop Dibelius defending the agreement in the discussion called it the "Magna Carta of independence for evangelical religious ministration to soldiers."

Among others who urged the Synod to reject the agreement was Dr. Niemoller who asked "What are we to preach to these soldiers? Are we

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justified in salving the consciences of those who handle nuclear weapons? I can't do that."

Several speakers pointed out that the agreement would help to widen the gulf between East and West Germany. Prelate Kunst who has already been appointed Army Bishop, said that he personally would answer in the affirmative the question of whether a Christian could be a soldier in the present circumstances, but admitted that there could be no one valid answer by the Evangelical Church as such.

Dr. Niemoller tells us that although the agreement has been approved by the Synod the Lande conferences are autonomous and not bound by the decision. He hopes that Hesse and Nassau, of which conference he is President, will reject the agreement and make their own treaty

favourable vote the agreement could not have been approved in Synod. This may also result in increasing opposition to, and restrictions on, the Evangelical Church in East Germany, where the four Church papers which reported the Synod have been banned.

Satyagrahis

WE are glad to report that the Indian satyagrahis who have been imprisoned by the Portuguese have been released. They have been in prison for 19 months.

It is reliably reported that their release has been due to an initiative taken by the Pope. Cardinal Gracias, the Goan Bishop of Bombay, has issued a statement in this sense. He says that the Pope's intervention followed a resolution passed by the Conference of Catholic Bishops that was held under his leadership last October.

Some of those released have reported that after their arrest they were grossly ill-treated and insulted. Mr. N. G. Goray, a Socialist member of the Indian Parliament, states that the Portuguese police beat the prisoners mercilessly on the least pretext.

The release of those who were demonstrating on behalf of the right of the Goans to decide their own future has not been applied to the Goans themselves. It is only Indian prisoners who have been released. There are more than 400 Goan prisoners, most of whom have been held without trial, who are still being detained.

The Salazar regime in Portugal depends absolutely on the support of toleration of the Catholic Church, and it is much to be hoped that the Pope will be moved to follow up his initiative on behalf of the Indian prisoners by further action in favour of the Goans who are suffering because of their desire for Goanese freedom.

NATO Commander

THE dilemma of those who oppose the re-militarisation of Germany only was given further emphasis last week by the sad case of a French conscript who refused the call-up

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MR. CAMERON may or may not agree with this, but he cannot pretend that he does not understand what it means.

We do not know what General MacArthur would do, although most of us guess that his views do not much differ from those of the politicians who are directing our course "faster in ever-decreasing circles."

We do know what Dr. Soper would do. We should like to know what Mr. Cameron would do.

If Mr. Cameron were merely one of the feather-headed people who regard journalism as just a job, and feel no need for a sense of responsibility nor any compulsion to seek consistency in what they advocate we should not be bothering about him.

We regard him, however, as one of those in British journalism who are outstandingly worth reading. It is for this reason we should like to see him displaying more backbone than the politicians he condemns.

These are times in which the threats overhanging humanity are so terrible that they demand that all who cannot abdicate from their human responsibility shall stand up and be counted. This demand cannot be met by abstention as allowed by the Party standing orders; and it cannot be met by evading the issue in a cloud of journalistic eloquence.

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The proposals have been unanimously rejected by Africans in the Federation.

"We employ strange devices these days to maintain the fiction that Rhodesia is a democracy," says the political commentator of the Rhodesian Opposition party newspaper, "The Citizens," in a recent issue.

"The latest of these is . . . an attempt to fool the unfortunate blacks—the logical follow-up, no doubt, to that other hoax called partnership.

"One African leader . . . has said there is fear that the franchise would always be manipulated in favour of the European.

"Of course it will. All that remains is for the fact to be stated, then everyone will know where he is."

It is reported that the Southern Rhodesian proposals have already been offered by its Prime Minister, Mr. R. S. Garfield Todd, to the Federal Government as a basis for a federal franchise, and that the Federal Prime Minister, Sir Roy Welensky, who is coming to London this month, will include them in his discussions with the British Government.

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Several speakers pointed out that the agreement would help to widen the gulf between East and West Germany. Prelate Kunst who has already been appointed Army Bishop, said that he personally would answer in the affirmative the question of whether a Christian could be a soldier in the present circumstances, but admitted that there could be no one valid answer by the Evangelical Church as such.

Dr. Niemoller tells us that although the agreement has been approved by the Synod the Lande conferences are autonomous and not bound by the decision. He hopes that Hesse and Nassau, of which conference he is President, will reject the agreement and make their own treaty with the Government under which pastoral care of men in the Armed Forces would be the responsibility of the local parish minister for whom assistance would be provided if necessary.

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Some of those released have reported that after their arrest they were grossly ill-treated and insulted. Mr. N. G. Goray, a Socialist member of the Indian Parliament, states that the Portuguese police beat the prisoners mercilessly on the least pretext.

The release of those who were demonstrating on behalf of the right of the Goans to decide their own future has not been applied to the Goans themselves. It is only Indian prisoners who have been released. There are more than 400 Goan prisoners, most of whom have been held without trial, who are still being detained.

The Salazar regime in Portugal depends absolutely on the support of toleration of the Catholic Church, and it is much to be hoped that the Pope will be moved to follow up his initiative on behalf of the Indian prisoners by further action in favour of the Goans who are suffering because of their desire for Goanese freedom.

NATO Commander

THE dilemma of those who oppose the re-militarisation of Germany only was given further emphasis last week by the sad case of a French conscript who refused the call-up summons. He refused to serve under the orders of German General Speidel and is now held in prison. His father was shot by the Germans during the occupation.

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MR. CAMERON may or may not agree with this, but he cannot pretend that he does not understand what it means.

We do not know what General MacArthur would do, although most of us guess that his views do not much differ from those of the politicians who are directing our course "faster in ever-decreasing circles."

We do know what Dr. Soper would do. We should like to know what Mr. Cameron would do.

If Mr. Cameron were merely one of the feather-headed people who regard journalism as just a job, and feel no need for a sense of responsibility nor any compulsion to seek consistency in what they advocate we should not be bothering about him.

We regard him, however, as one of those in British journalism who are outstandingly worth reading. It is for this reason we should like to see him displaying more backbone than the politicians he condemns.

These are times in which the threats overhanging humanity are so terrible that they demand that all who cannot abdicate from their human responsibility shall stand up and be counted. This demand cannot be met by abstention as allowed by the Party standing orders; and it cannot be met by evading the issue in a cloud of journalistic eloquence.

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CASTLES AND FORTS

I went to Ashanti by way of Cape Coast in order to see the castles and forts built by the Portuguese and Dutch which were the centres of the slave trade. At Cape Coast, a city about 100 miles west of Accra, I inspected an old castle by the sea. Now it is used for a post office, but for hundreds of years it was a temporary home for slaves. I inspected the dungeons where Africans were held to await the slave boats which took them to America and elsewhere. As a guide took me through the dungeons, now infested with bats, and showed me the door where the slaves were pushed into the waiting boats, I realised what a debt some of us Whites must yet repay for those centuries of slave traffic, largely from the Gold Coast.

I remembered that, back in our Press hotel at Accra, the Russian reporter for Pravda pointed out to me the irony of an American Negro newspaper account of these castles. In its special edition for Ghana independence there was an article about these castles and forts, omitting any mention of the slave traffic, and almost indicating that they were pleasant

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After motoring another day through tiny villages with the new Ghana colours of red, gold, and green festooned everywhere, and with Africans yelling "free-dom, free-dom" as I passed in my car, I arrived in Kumasi.

This is the centre of cocoa country—Ghana's main cash crop—and it is also the centre of the National Liberation Movement (NLM). This party, together with the Moslem party in the Northern Territories of Ghana and the Togoland Congress in former British Togoland, constitute the Opposition to the Convention People's Party.

I met a group of the NLM leaders in the apartment of Joseph Appiah. He was the young Gold Coast student in London who married Miss Peggy Cripps, daughter of Sir Stafford, former Chancellor of the Exchequer. She and her two children stayed in the background during the two-hour Press conference, but we talked to her afterwards. Appiah and his colleagues said that the NLM was born in 1954 when Nkrumah did not adhere to his election promises to keep up the price of cocoa. They also criticised the CPP for nepotism, bribery, and corruption.

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TO ENSURE DEMOCRACY

I asked these leaders if, as the newest nation in the world, they had not an obligation to help make Ghana succeed in the eyes of the world. They sharply answered: "Success means making the Parliamentary and democratic system succeed and we will, if necessary, start civil war to insure democracy." They felt that, if Nkrumah had his way, he would close down Parliament and rule by cabinet decree. Yet we were led to Appiah's house and the interview was arranged by the Government Information Officer presumably under the CPP Government!

Later I had a friendly talk with Mrs. Joseph Appiah—Peggy Cripps. She said that "to this day I have not lost a friend because of my engagement and marriage to Joe." In London, her husband was the personal representative of Nkrumah. On his return to the Gold Coast, however, he decided to go over to the Opposition.

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Her letter was not published, the Editor writing to Sybil Morrison that her comments had been noted with interest. She replied, cryptically, on a postcard "What did I tell you."

It will be interesting to see how the popular dailies handle Kathleen Lonsdale's forthcoming Penguin book, "Is Peace Possible?"

Fleeting visit

MICHAEL SCOTT paid a fleeting visit to Nigeria while in West Africa for the Ghana independence celebrations.

He was able to have personal conversations with Ministers of State and other prominent figures.

At University College, Ibadan, he addressed a hurriedly convened meeting of 150 students and 50 senior members. They listened soberly and attentively to his exposition of the enormities committed by the South African Government, I am told.

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Heddychwr is the Welsh for pacifist. Professor Stevens, during his 45 years as Professor at the Theological College, Carmarthen, made it easy for generations of students to regard pacifism as being the normal Christian attitude.

He was ex-President of the Congregational Union of Wales and Dean of the Faculty of Theology of the University of Wales.

Library for Africans

THE 40,000 non-Europeans of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa have no public library. The city council have agreed in principle to provide a site and give an annual grant. But a committee has to raise £3,000 for a building, book stock and fittings. Their hopes are for a reading room, a lending library and a children's library.

Africans in the city held a jumble sale at 6 a.m. which brought in £45. A group of Indian schoolgirls gave £5.

In the USA, Professor Elizabeth Hoyt of Iowa State College is seeking support for this venture, and, she tells me, for about 100 other libraries on the African continent.

NEW DANGER TO THE PEACEFUL PEOPLE

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A NEW threat has been introduced aimed at destroying the way of life of the Hopi Indians—"the Peaceful People"—and firmly establishing their subservience to the US Government.

These Indian people were the subject of a feature article in Peace News, December 14.

The Hopi Nation has never fought a war against the US Government, has never been conquered by it and has never signed away its independence in any treaty. The traditional Hopi believe that their pacifist way of life is better than the white man's and want to be allowed to pursue it without hindrance from a war-making Government.

The traditional Hopi leaders and people are protesting against a Bill introduced in the United States Senate (Bill S. 692) which declares that the Indian lands described in the Executive order dated December 16, 1882 "are hereby declared to be held by the United States in trust for the Indians who are entitled to be thereon pursuant to such Executive order."

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The Bill is favoured by the so-called Hopi Tribal Council recognised by the US Government as the official governing body of the Hopi Nation in violation to the traditional Hopi system of government based on village autonomy and clan chieftainship.

It is inconceivable in terms of Hopi beliefs to either give, sell or bargain away their land for they believe they simply hold the land in trust for the "Great Spirit."

"The Peaceful People" regard the Bill as an additional severe threat to their way of life. They urge all friends to protest strongly against the Bill. They declare: "The Hopi leaders are moving and acting strongly. The number one problem to tackle is this Bill."

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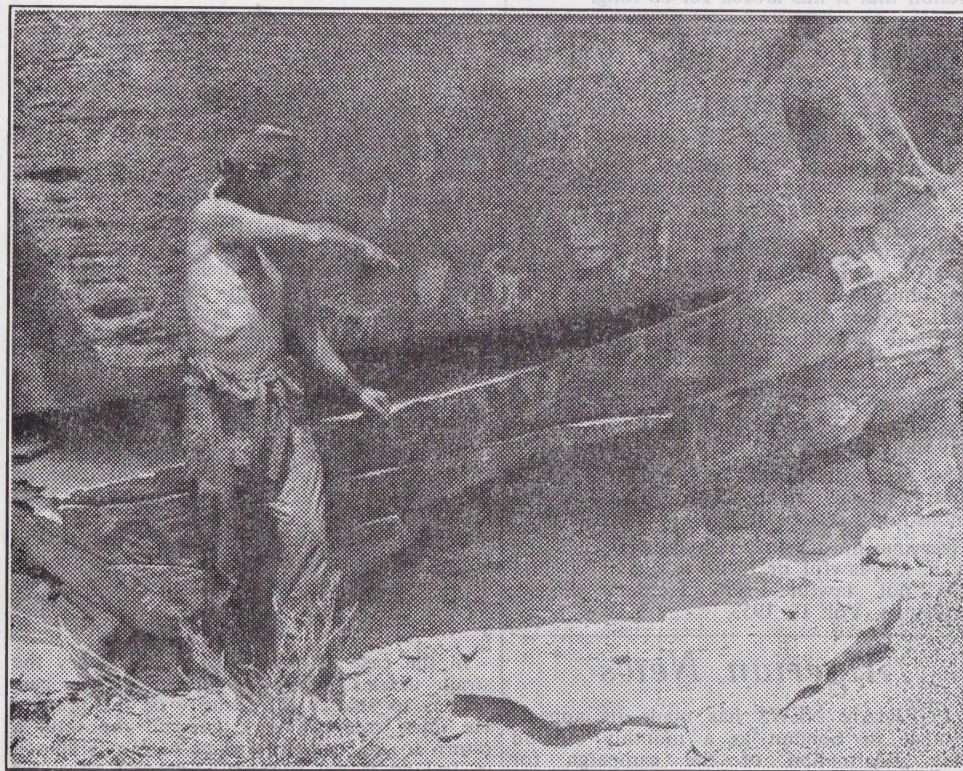
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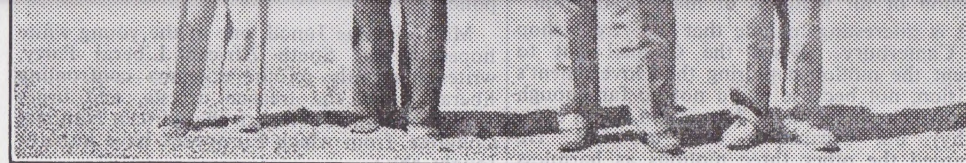
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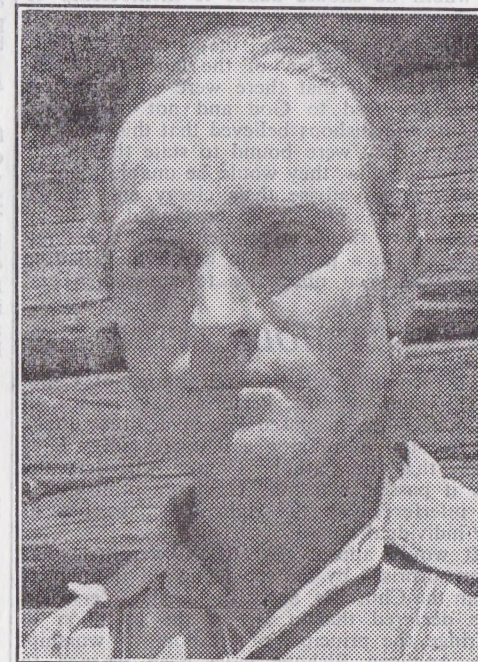
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I hope, therefore, that the many pacifists who could not be present at the meeting will catch something of the challenge and inspiration of it, and also be encouraged to renewed activity. The overflow must not be confined to the additional meeting. All over the country our enthusiasm must overflow and send us out distributing leaflets, taking part in demonstrations, selling Peace News. Surely, everyone can do something along those lines one evening a week. Peace Pledge Union Headquarters will provide the leaflets and posters, help to arrange speakers and, if necessary, pay for demonstrations. That is one reason why we have a PPU Headquarters Fund. If you were not at the meeting, please send me what you would have put into the collection, and remember that it will take a lot of money before we can report an overflow so far as contributions to the Peace Pledge Union Headquarters Fund are concerned.

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Mr. King, who has a Bachelor's degree from Tuskegee and an MA from Western Reserve, had ideas of his own on current issues. He put forth his ideas in letters to the Press. It seems that Professor King's letters were not pleasing to Alcorn College's President.

Some students, too, were unhappy about the Professor. They claimed he was often rude. But, all was calm until the State Times of Jackson, Mississippi started publishing a series of articles by Professor King.

Reports are that King claimed the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People was arousing the antagonisms of white people and so making conditions even worse for Negroes and that the Negro members of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People are the real "Uncle Toms" (subservient Negroes).

Mass meeting of students

Professor King's students started boycotting his classes soon after his first article rolled off the press. Time Magazine reports that the students "were not so much outraged by what the Professor had said as by the picture that the Times had run showing some of them in his class."

For two days student feelings built up. Then, all Alcorn's 561 students agreed that Professor King must resign or be fired. Otherwise, the students would leave the school.

Professor King stood before a mass meeting of the students and begged them to try to understand. He had tears in his eyes but he refused to resign.

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Nation-wide publicity

According to Mr. King, the students refused to give him a fair hearing. Isn't it likely that the students let themselves be carried away by their own impulses and mass psychology?

In brief, wouldn't a better understanding of non-violence have profited both the Professor and the students?

Are the students of Alcorn in a better position now to learn about the non-violence of the Reverend Martin Luther King, and the Great Soul, Gandhi? One wonders how the students reacted to the nation-wide publicity their strike stirred up. Did they expect such fame—or notoriety? Do they see what this means? Do they know, now, what power they hold in their hands, if they act with greater wisdom for a greater cause? How much education do Alcorn's students need now to become capable Satyagrahis?

How would they react, now, to Gandhi's words: "Since Satyagraha is one of the most powerful methods of direct action, a Satyagrahi exhausts all other means before he resorts to Satyagraha?"

The most important question posed by the Alcorn incident is the question of our responsibilities. If Gandhi's methods are known by so many but understood by so few, is it not the duties of those who have studied non-violence to pass their findings on to those who are ready to act?

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Recent reports are that 10 students were expelled by the all-white board, and 190 have refused to return to Alcorn, but professor King is out and the college President has been fired.

There was confusion in the Press over whether Professor King resigned or was fired.

At one point during the conflict the Professor notified the Press that he planned to go to the State Capitol and stand on the steps "until I fall from exhaustion." Later he changed his plans but not in time to stop his proposed non-violent direct action plans from being publicised in the Negro papers.

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The Alcorn college affair is not likely to gladden the hearts of students of non-violence, yet, it may stimulate some fruitful questions.

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a monthly column by

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BRITISH CHURCHES AND
NUCLEAR WARFARE

TO give a full picture of the attitude of the British Council of Churches to nuclear warfare it should be remembered that in addition to passing the resolution deploring the British tests (as reported in Peace News of April 5), three other resolutions were carried by overwhelming majorities.

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The treason trials, which have provided shock treatment to many people in South Africa, seem to have shaken it into a more definite shape.

This number is much concerned with the trials: it is dedicated to three of the accused; and, carefully avoiding the charge of contempt of court, it opens with the speech for the Counsel for the Defence at the trials, and the Freedom Charter of 1955, which appears to be forming the cornerstone of the Government's charge of "treason." Both the documents make fascinating reading; though I would have liked to see the prosecutor's address included.

Dilemma of the liberals

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PITY is a wondrous thing and without it the hard and thoughtless world would be intolerable. Pity, compassion, tenderness, these are the actuating motives in the writing of this book.

It has its faults and weaknesses but they are of little account, for the story itself is but a reflection of Ethel Mannin's own tenderness, compassion and pity in which she speaks for all those whose hearts are not of stone.

The innocent in this story is the son of a murderer—but the woman herself is driven to the murder by her own inadequate emotions, so who indeed is not innocent? The execution of Ruth Ellis, who shot her lover but had public opinion on her side (save for the women who would like to have shot their own faithless men), solved no problem, and it left behind a child to carry for ever the burden of its mother's life and death.

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RESEARCH IMPORTANT

In an interview for Peace News the Norwegian philosopher, author and mountaineer described why he felt that the research programme on the political ethics of non-violence begun in 1956 with financial assistance from the Norwegian Scientific Research Council was important.

He declared that it was important "first of all because there is a lack of information among Norwegians, and others I suppose, concerning the existence of non-violent techniques adapted to social and political struggles. There is a lot to do in the mere dissemination of facts."

Dr. Naess, who lives with his wife and family a few miles from Oslo, pointed out that the hypotheses and methods of non-violence stood in contrast to those of the dominant political trends of our day. Those trends are, he said, characterised by "belief in military preparations and disbelief in the existence of other proposals."

"A lot of social scientists, historians and others have been used to looking at non-violent approaches as a kind of illusion from the period between the world wars."

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He was convinced that if believers in non-violence were engaged in research rather than simply preaching they would be more likely to influence their opponents.

"I hope that at the research centre here non-believers will always continue to work in co-operation with the believers."

There are vast unsettled problems, practical and theoretical, which need to be studied, he declared. There was at present a lack of co-ordination between the various attempts to grapple with these problems throughout the world. He felt that there were "hundreds of projects going on" at present.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If these vast problems are to be dealt with, much more financial assistance will be needed. "A great dream would be that humanistic studies as a whole would be better financed," he said.

The amount of financial support for humanistic studies in general is so meagre that research cannot be much more than, as it were, for home consumption, he said.

Without more financial assistance, "there is little hope of being able to tackle many fundamental questions in a many sided and adequate way," he insisted.

At present the amount of research going on and the number of persons involved in it is out of all relation to the size of the problems, Professor Naess declared.

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But it is more than this. Gladys Aylward's faith in a loving God was the impulsive force. Her conviction that her work was to be in China drove her over seemingly insuperable obstacles to live with the poorest, to aid the despised and the helpless. It was her faith that carried her through most acute suffering and almost shattering fears—of wolves approaching when she was alone, exhausted, lying on the snow on the Siberian railway track, of Japanese bombing attacks, of having led her child protégées into the mountains only to starve to death.

Her ignorance of the Russian language caused some of her earlier distresses. Determination carried her to work with a widowed missionary in Shansi, for muleteers, peasants and prisoners. Her compassion for suffering, her love of the Chinese people, much common sense and above all, her trust in God brought her to triumph.

The kindness of many Chinese people, Buddhist priests, officials, peasants, soldiers and the devoted care of medical missionaries amid the ghastly horrors of war are clearly shown.

I feel indebted to the author,

LETTERS

Kashmir

WHETHER it's worth while continuing this discussion I rather doubt, since apparently I've made no impression on Reginald Reynolds, and his arguments certainly don't move me. True, as he says, "20 years ago imperialists were still trying to justify their policy by pointing to the illiteracy, ignorance, and (often) religious fanaticism prevalent in the colonies"—and he and I opposed them. The important thing is—as I've discovered and he hasn't—that, sometimes, the imperialists were right, and he and I were wrong.

It is the fact that, here and there, people were—and are—unfitted for immediate self-government. R.R. and I were a little too apt to jump to the conclusion that because the imperialists used it the argument must necessarily be phoney. It was all the easier for us to take that line because we were entirely irresponsible critics, whereas the imperialists, right or wrong, were actually exercising responsibility.

He and I, I'm pretty sure, were both saying 20 years ago that the fanatical hatred of Moslem for Hindu, and *vice versa*, had no 'natural' existence, but was something whipped up by the British Raj to enable it to "divide and rule." Events after the Raj disappeared from an independent India proved us wrong. The hatred not only existed, but led to horrible results; so horrible, indeed, that I find R.R.'s light-hearted reference to "sitting on the safety valve" rather shocking.

Let me make my position clear. I think India's policy *vis-a-vis* Kashmir is amply justified, ethically and juridically; and if Krishna Menon had put that case to the United Nations rather more tersely the fact might have been abundantly clear to the rest of the world. But even if it had not been legally "correct" I should still think Mr. Nehru justified, in view of the dreadful possibilities, in taking the line he has taken; and I should still admire and respect him for it.—FRANK HORRABIN, 16 Endersleigh Gdns., Hendon, N.W.4.

Challenge to pacifism

THE news that it is now admitted people cannot be defended against the consequences of nuclear warfare represents the biggest challenge to the pacifist movement it has yet faced.

At the same time it is the biggest opportunity and we are fortified by the announcement that the task is to prevent war not to minimise its effects (or to try and ensure it is won).

Now let us put all our energies, enthusiasm and resources into explaining the morality of this situation. The time is ripe for a big step forward in corporate thinking: can the Peace Pledge Union point the way—and be in the lead?—LEONARD BIRD, 49/51 George St.,

Ashanti's National Liberation Movement

(His home was in Ashanti in any case). He is now a member of Parliament, on the executive of the NLM, and practises law in Kumasi.

Peggy Appiah is busy in Kumasi and is "not reminded that I am the 'white' wife of a 'coloured' husband." Fortunate for them there is no colour bar remaining in Kumasi, and even the racist Kumasi Club has opened its doors to Africans. Peggy is trying to adapt herself to the land of her husband. She speaks one of the indigenous languages and, at traditional functions, dresses in indigenous cloth. While polygamy is practised, she has no fears that her husband—brought up as a Methodist—will take a second wife!

Does Peggy Appiah have any regrets about her marriage? None whatsoever. She added: "We are both grateful to our parents for bringing us up without prejudice." Is she bored

no substitute for a representative of the monarch.

It had been alleged that the Asantehene did not want an independent Gold Coast as early as 1957. He indicated to me, however, that "freedom came just at the right time." He is obviously behind the NLM, but he said his role was to "be a brake on certain enthusiasms of certain politicians." He regretted that Nkrumah had not visited Kumasi or himself for more than two years.

Soon I took my leave of the Asantehene and of the Opposition and of Peggy and Joe Appiah and made the five hour drive back to Accra. En-route I tried to evaluate the Opposition. The NLM was tied to the tribalism of the region and its leaders were, without doubt, the privileged from which Nkrumah broke away to form his own Convention

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People's Party. As watchdog of the Government, the NLM has an important function, but it seems to have no positive, inspiring programme of its own.

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ment. R.R. and I were a little too apt to jump to the conclusion that because the imperialists used it the argument must necessarily be phoney. It was all the easier for us to take that line because we were entirely irresponsible critics, whereas the imperialists, right or wrong, were actually exercising responsibility.

He and I, I'm pretty sure, were both saying 20 years ago that the fanatical hatred of Moslem for Hindu, and *vice versa*, had no 'natural' existence, but was something whipped up by the British Raj to enable it to "divide and rule." Events after the Raj disappeared from an independent India proved us wrong. The hatred not only existed, but led to horrible results; so horrible, indeed, that I find R.R.'s light-hearted reference to "sitting on the safety valve" rather shocking.

Let me make my position clear. I think India's policy *vis-a-vis* Kashmir is amply justified, ethically and juridically; and if Krishna Menon had put that case to the United Nations rather more tersely the fact might have been abundantly clear to the rest of the world. But even if it had not been legally "correct" I should still think Mr. Nehru justified, in view of the dreadful possibilities, in taking the line he has taken; and I should still admire and respect him for it.—FRANK HORRABIN, 16 Endersleigh Gdns., Hendon, N.W.4.

Challenge to pacifism

THE news that it is now admitted people cannot be defended against the consequences of nuclear warfare represents the biggest challenge to the pacifist movement it has yet faced.

At the same time it is the biggest opportunity and we are fortified by the announcement that the task is to prevent war not to minimise its effects (or to try and ensure it is won).

Now let us put all our energies, enthusiasm and resources into explaining the morality of this situation. The time is ripe for a big step forward in corporate thinking: can the Peace Pledge Union point the way—and be in the lead?—LEONARD BIRD, 49/51 George St., Hull.

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Defence policy: disarmament

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PACIFIST "WHITE PAPER" COMING

A leading article in the Manchester Guardian recently pointed out that it was an old truism that "you can only have the Foreign Policy you are willing to pay for."

"If Mr. Macmillan wants Britain to be great in the 'Rule Britannia' sense he cannot simultaneously cut the defence budget. On the contrary he will have to increase it."

"Our hearts may be made of oak, but our bombs have to be made of plutonium, lithium and other costly ingredients. If, alternatively, he wants greatness for Britain chiefly in the sense of industrial advance, he will have to toe the American line on critical issues in international politics. A satisfactory rate of industrial investment can only be achieved by cutting the defence budget and that will make us more than ever dependent on the US for military security."

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● So far from being unrealistic, such a policy is the logic of the Government's admission that defence is no longer possible.

Many of the arguments against total disarmament are met in the Government's justification of present reductions. We eagerly await further arguments in Kathleen Lonsdale's Penguin Special to be published next Thursday and also the pacifist movement's own "White Paper" coming out at the end of the month: the Standing Joint Pacifist Committee's report on the consequences of total disarmament by Britain.

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miles and we are quite incapable in any foreseeable period of providing sufficient transport aircraft to launch a major operation of any size.

The oddest thing about the White Paper is the announcement about the British Army of the Rhine, which is to be reduced from 77,000 to about 64,000 during the next twelve months. This announcement has to be read in conjunction with the section dealing with the Reserve Forces.

Originally, the intention was that our four divisions in Germany were to be reinforced in the event of an emergency by reserve divisions from this country.

A year ago it was announced that two Territorial Army Divisions had been earmarked as reinforcements for NATO, but the White Paper now says that these reinforcements in a nuclear war would be of little value and that the two Territorial Divisions are to be assigned to Home duties like the rest of the Territorial Army.

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PREPARATION FOR DEATH

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—Defence White Paper, April, 1957.

THE Government White Paper on Defence may very easily give rise to a conviction in the public mind that the British Government has decided upon a policy of unilateral disarmament.

The scrapping of battleships, the displacement of fighter aircraft, and the ending of conscription, seems to those who have put their faith in these weapons, that Britain is to be left defenceless against an enemy.

But in fact Mr. Sandys re-assures them with sinister smoothness that these weapons are to go because others more effective are to take their place; guided missiles, atomic devices and H-bombs are to be the weapons of the future. But unfortunately for those most concerned, that is the helpless people of this country, this means of defence is entirely dependent upon these weapons not being used. If they are used, not only this country, but the world is doomed; this, however, is not mentioned in the White Paper!

However, at last the truth has been frankly stated about so-called defence against nuclear bombs; in spite of two White Papers on Atomic Defence and Nuclear Weapons, the first issued by the Labour Government, and the second by the present Government, it is now categorically said that there is no adequate protection for the people of this country.

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other places that all these calculations about protective measures were based upon the explosive power of one bomb.

It is now plainly admitted that some bombers are bound to get through. It is more than 20 years since Mr. Baldwin, then Prime Minister, said precisely the same thing, and he said more than that; he said what Mr. Sandys now admits, and what Churchill and other war-leaders also openly confessed: that the only defence is "to kill more of the enemy's women and children more quickly than they can kill yours."

If this is the only hope, a hope based on the unfounded assumption that everyone will go on being afraid to use the weapons they are going on producing, then the prospect for the future life of mankind is black indeed.

It has been argued in this column many times that a belief in nuclear weapons as a deterrent is a fallacy, but in view of the dreadful consequences which will result from Governments acting on this fallacious premise, it can scarcely be said too often.

So long as this unproved theory is held to be valid, no Government will give up either the bomb, or testing the bomb; it has become a question of a policy to be pursued, and one which Governments seem determined to pursue to its inevitable catastrophic end.

It is clear that if military planning is no longer concerned with preparing for war it has lost its meaning; but whatever words the fact is wrapped up in, making these fearful weapons is preparation for war. If there is war the people of this country will be blasted to pieces, burned alive, contaminated with radioactive dust and there will be few, if any survivors; all that can be done is to burn, blast, contaminate and destroy men, women and children in other countries.

What is needed is some Government strong enough, not in nuclear weapons but in moral courage, to say: "if these weapons are too evil to be used then we will not make them." It is on this level, rather than on the level of fear of the consequences that an impact could be made upon all the peoples of the world.

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Unless the thinking in the White Paper is rapidly carried to its logical conclusion, it will be found that in succeeding years the financial burden will still be crippling and there will still be those on the Labour as well as the Conservative benches who believe that we can go it alone, either by planning operations of the Suez kind or by launching an H-bomb.

The truth is that we can do neither.

Thus, given the policy outlined in the White Paper the most we shall be able to do will be to make a limited contribution in the field of conventional weapons in support of the civil power in various parts of the world, but we shall be quite incapable of undertaking major operations through the medium of either conventional or non-conventional weapons.

Although Mr. Sandys has had one or two glimpses of reality, he has not yet managed to act up to the logic of what he sees.

C.O. sentenced till Court rose

(from our special correspondent)

ALTHOUGH dismissed by the Local Tribunal, James Spencer, at one time an art student, had his conscientious objection recognised by the Appellate Tribunal, and was exempted from military service on condition that he did alternative service on the land or in a hospital for two years and 60 days.

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When Russia made experiments in Siberia, "we made another protest, this time against Russia. That is one reason why this particular movement became a wider and a national movement."

Now Britain had decided to make nuclear tests at Christmas Island and the Japanese had protested. Britain had announced her intention, but had not yet carried it out.

"You have not done wrong yet, but we are afraid that you are going to do it . . . We are not blaming England alone. Please do not do the wrong. We are advising you because we know that you are our friends."

CO-OPERATE

"I hope that the friends of the anti-atomic bomb movement [in Britain] and friends in Japan will co-operate, and that God will see that this evil thing will disappear from the world."

After his speech, Mr. Matsushita presented numerous messages, resolutions and appeals received from Japan addressed to the British people.

Included were two sets of 1,000 tiny delicate hand-made paper cranes. It is believed in Japan that if one person makes 1,000 of these, his wish will come true.

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way of dealing with this fallacious premise, it can scarcely be said too often.

So long as this unproved theory is held to be valid, no Government will give up either the bomb, or testing the bomb; it has become a question of a policy to be pursued, and one which Governments seem determined to pursue to its inevitable catastrophic end.

It is clear that if military planning is no longer concerned with preparing for war it has lost its meaning; but whatever words the fact is wrapped up in, making these fearful weapons is preparation for war. If there is war the people of this country will be blasted to pieces, burned alive, contaminated with radioactive dust and there will be few, if any survivors; all that can be done is to burn, blast, contaminate and destroy men, women and children in other countries.

What is needed is some Government strong enough, not in nuclear weapons but in moral courage, to say: "if these weapons are too evil to be used then we will not make them." It is on this level, rather than on the level of fear of the consequences that an impact could be made upon all the peoples of the world.

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Unless the thinking in the White Paper is rapidly carried to its logical conclusion, it will be found that in succeeding years the financial burden will still be crippling and there will still be those on the Labour as well as the Conservative benches who believe that we can go it alone, either by planning operations of the Suez kind or by launching an H-bomb.

The truth is that we can do neither.

Thus, given the policy outlined in the White Paper the most we shall be able to do will be to make a limited contribution in the field of conventional weapons in support of the civil power in various parts of the world, but we shall be quite incapable of undertaking major operations through the medium of either conventional or non-conventional weapons.

Although Mr. Sandys has had one or two glimpses of reality, he has not yet managed to act up to the logic of what he sees.

C.O. sentenced till Court rose

(from our special correspondent)

ALTHOUGH dismissed by the Local Tribunal, James Spencer, at one time an art student, had his conscientious objection recognised by the Appellate Tribunal, and was exempted from military service on condition that he did alternative service on the land or in a hospital for two years and 60 days.

But James Spencer was not willing to accept exemption on these conditions and refused to do the work specified. He was prosecuted and fined £5 with costs of four guineas.

Despite the fact that he was given a month in which to think it over he refused to pay the fine, spending two months in prison instead.

Early this year he was again prosecuted, when a much heavier penalty would have been expected.

But again he was fined only £5 and given one month in which to pay.

Once more having refused to pay, he was brought before Lady Archibald at Hitchin Court on March 19. As the court had been exceptionally lenient in imposing only a small fine Spencer was not surprised to be told that, whilst the Bench were satisfied as to his sincerity, as he had behaved outside the law they had no alternative but to sentence him.

The sentence, however, is one which might be regarded as an example for the consideration of other courts. James Spencer was sentenced to be imprisoned until the court rose, that day.

DR. DONALD SOPER will be conducting the BBC's Sunday Evening religious service from Kingsway Hall on April 14.

Africa South, reviewed by Anthony Sampson, former editor of The Drum, on page four, is obtainable in the United Kingdom, price 4s., from 25 Cambridge Gardens, London, W.10.

When Russia made experiments in Siberia, "we made another protest, this time against Russia. That is one reason why this particular movement became a wider and a national movement."

Now Britain had decided to make nuclear tests at Christmas Island and the Japanese had protested. Britain had announced her intention, but had not yet carried it out.

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CO-OPERATE

"I hope that the friends of the anti-atomic bomb movement [in Britain] and friends in Japan will co-operate, and that God will see that this evil thing will disappear from the world."

After his speech, Mr. Matsushita presented numerous messages, resolutions and appeals received from Japan addressed to the British people.

Included were two sets of 1,000 tiny delicate hand-made paper cranes. It is believed in Japan that if one person makes 1,000 of these, his wish will come true.

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"Britain has an opportunity to show moral leadership the world by not testing those weapons, he said. "This opportunity will not come again."

H-TEST NEWS IN BRIEF

The National Council for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapon Tests have distributed 40,000 leaflets to date, have taken a larger hall (Friends House) for their meeting on April 30.

Liberals are to start a protest rally in Fulham (W. London) Town Hall on April 30.

Sheffield Unitarian Churches have called for unilateral action by the British, Soviet and US Governments to stop tests.

Pravda has said that the Soviet Union "cannot agree to such a course" as unilateral action to stop the tests, "for reasons which are perfectly clear and well known."

Nine Japanese fishing vessels will sail for the Christmas Island area of the Pacific at the end of April. The Japanese Government has advised them not to enter the test area. Boats will sail close to it broadcasting world appeals for the banning of tests.

Four Japanese, seated on the steps of the Japanese war memorial in Tokyo entered their second week of fasting against the British H-tests early this week.

The Union of University Liberal Societies presented to Mr. Donald Wade, Chief Liberal Whip in the House of Commons, a scroll over 100 ft. long signed by students from 90 universities and colleges opposing the British H-bomb test. The scroll was conveyed to the Prime Minister.

British policy on the H-bomb test was denounced by J. Roger Roberts retiring Chairman of the Union of University Liberal Societies at its annual conference. He called it foolish and extremely dangerous. "To continue now is an act of criminal folly."

Russia's eighth test explosion since August took place on Monday.

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